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TAGS: EAID, LT, US

SUBJ: AID FY -74 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION:
MALIBAMATSO LOAN

REF: STATE 46279

1. CHARGE HAS DISCUSSED MALIBAMATSO WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WHO INDICATES PROBLEM IS POLITICAL RATHER THAN TECHNICAL. NO AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO BE REACHED PRIOR TO JONATHAN/ VORSTER MEETING FOR WHICH NO DATE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.
2. GIVEN THE WORKINGS OF AID, NEED FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC DATA, ENGINEERING AND FINAL DESIGN STAGE PLUS SELECTIONS OF CONTRACTOR TO UNDERTAKE DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN LAY VALID CLAIM TO FY 74 FUNDS OR BE IN ANY WAY OPTIMISTIC THAT ALL OBSTACLES TO AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN IN FY 74 WILL BE OVERCOME IN TIME.
3. DO BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP POSSIBLE U. S . PARTICPATION IN MALIBAMATSO IN FRONT OF ALL CONCERNED. RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT FALL BACK POSITION-
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INCLUSION OF MALIBAMATSO AS " OVER PROGRAM LOAN"-
IS MOST FEASIBLE AND REALISTIC POSITION FOR DEPARTMENT
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